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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6431**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 174

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 26, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Young R Michael

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

(A) Requires a United States flag to be displayed in each classroom of a school corporation. Requires a school corporation to provide a daily opportunity for students to voluntarily recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Provides an exemption for students who choose (or whose parents choose for them) not to participate in the pledge.

(B) Requires a school corporation to establish the daily observance of a one minute period of silence in each classroom. Provides for enforcement by the classroom teacher.

(C) Repeals a law allowing an optional brief period of silent prayer or meditation.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary:* A school corporation would be required to purchase enough United States flags to be displayed in each classroom of a school. The amount of expenditure necessary would depend on whether a school corporation currently has sufficient flags for compliance with the bill.

*Background:* There are currently 293 school corporations in Indiana, with approximately 1,900 public

schools.

Based on a simple sample of flag retailers, American flags can be purchased for prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$23.50 each, depending upon flag size and order quantities.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations.

**Information Sources:** Anyflag.com; Tidmoreflags.com; Martin's Flag Company; Regal Flags; CVS Systems Inc.

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